SENATE BILL No. 1001

Introduced by Senator Ashburn

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 17053.33 and 23633 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1001, as introduced, Ashburn. Income and corporation tax credits: qualified property.

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the the taxes imposed by those laws, including a credit for the sales and use tax paid for the purchase of qualified property, as defined, used by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, in a targeted tax area. Among other things, the credit is for the total cost of qualified property purchased and placed in service in any taxable year in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 under the Personal Income Tax Law and $20,000,000 under the Corporation Tax Law.

This bill would increase the limitation to $5,000,000 under the Persoanl Income Tax Law and to $50,000,000 under the Corporation Tax Law.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17053.33 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

17053.33. (a) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1998, there shall be allowed as a credit against the "net tax" (as defined in Section 17039) for the taxable year an amount equal to the sales or use tax paid or incurred during the taxable year by the qualified taxpayer in connection with the qualified taxpayer's purchase of qualified property.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Qualified property" means property that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) Is any of the following:

(i) Machinery and machinery parts used for fabricating, processing, assembling, and manufacturing.

(ii) Machinery and machinery parts used for the production of renewable energy resources.

(iii) Machinery and machinery parts used for either of the following:

(I) Air pollution control mechanisms.

(II) Water pollution control mechanisms.

(iv) Data processing and communications equipment, such as computers, computer–automated drafting systems, copy machines, telephone systems, and faxes.

(v) Motion picture manufacturing equipment central to production and post production, such as cameras, audio recorders, and digital image and sound processing equipment.

(B) The total cost of qualified property purchased and placed in service in any taxable year that may be taken into account by any qualified taxpayer for purposes of claiming this credit shall not exceed ~~one~~ *five* million dollars ~~($1,000,000)~~ *($5,000,000)*.

(C) The qualified property is used by the qualified taxpayer exclusively in a targeted tax area.

(D) The qualified property is purchased and placed in service before the date the targeted tax area designation expires, is revoked, is no longer binding, or becomes inoperative.

(2) (A) "Qualified taxpayer" means a person or entity that meets both of the following:

(i) Is engaged in a trade or business within a targeted tax area designated pursuant to Chapter 12.93 (commencing with Section 7097) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(ii) Is engaged in those lines of business described in Codes 2000 to 2099, inclusive; 2200 to 3999, inclusive; 4200 to 4299, inclusive; 4500 to 4599, inclusive; and 4700 to 5199, inclusive, of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 1987 edition.

(B) In the case of any pass-through entity, the determination of whether a taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer under this section shall be made at the entity level and any credit under this section or Section 23633 shall be allowed to the pass-through entity and passed through to the partners or shareholders in accordance with applicable provisions of this part or Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001). For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "pass-through entity" means any partnership or ~~S corporation~~ *"S" Corporation*.

(3) "Targeted tax area" means the area designated pursuant to Chapter 12.93 (commencing with Section 7097) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(c) If the qualified taxpayer is allowed a credit for qualified property pursuant to this section, only one credit shall be allowed to the taxpayer under this part with respect to that qualified property.

(d) If the qualified taxpayer has purchased property upon which a use tax has been paid or incurred, the credit provided by this section shall be allowed only if qualified property of a comparable quality and price is not timely available for purchase in this state.

(e) In the case where the credit otherwise allowed under this section exceeds the "net tax" for the taxable year, that portion of the credit that exceeds the "net tax" may be carried over and added to the credit, if any, in the following year, and succeeding years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted. The credit shall be applied first to the earliest taxable years possible.

(f) Any qualified taxpayer who elects to be subject to this section shall not be entitled to increase the basis of the qualified property as otherwise required by Section 164(a) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to sales or use tax paid or incurred in connection with the qualified taxpayer's purchase of qualified property.

(g) (1) The amount of the credit otherwise allowed under this section and Section 17053.34, including any credit carryover from prior years, that may reduce the "net tax" for the taxable year shall not exceed the amount of tax that would be imposed on the qualified taxpayer's business income attributable to the targeted tax area determined as if that attributable income represented all of the income of the qualified taxpayer subject to tax under this part.

(2) Attributable income shall be that portion of the taxpayer's California source business income that is apportioned to the targeted tax area . For that purpose, the taxpayer's business income attributable to sources in this state first shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 25101) of Part 11. That business income shall be further apportioned to the targeted tax area in accordance with Article 2 (commencing with Section 25120) of Chapter 17 of Part 11, modified for purposes of this section in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) Business income shall be apportioned to the targeted tax area by multiplying the total California business income of the taxpayer by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor, and the denominator of which is two. For purposes of this paragraph:

(A) The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used in the targeted tax area during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used in this state during the taxable year.

(B) The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid by the taxpayer in the targeted tax area during the taxable year for compensation, and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the taxpayer in this state during the taxable year.

(4) The portion of any credit remaining, if any, after application of this subdivision, shall be carried over to succeeding taxable years, as if it were an amount exceeding the "net tax" for the taxable year, as provided in subdivision (e).

(5) In the event that a credit carryover is allowable under subdivision (e) for any taxable year after the targeted tax area designation has expired, has been revoked, is no longer binding, or has become inoperative, the targeted tax area shall be deemed

to remain in existence for purposes of computing the limitation specified in this subdivision.

(h) The amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

SEC. 2. Section 23633 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

23633. (a) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1998, there shall be allowed as a credit against the "tax" (as defined by Section 23036) for the taxable year an amount equal to the sales or use tax paid or incurred during the taxable year by the qualified taxpayer in connection with the qualified taxpayer's purchase of qualified property.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Qualified property" means property that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) Is any of the following:

(i) Machinery and machinery parts used for fabricating, processing, assembling, and manufacturing.

(ii) Machinery and machinery parts used for the production of renewable energy resources.

(iii) Machinery and machinery parts used for either of the following:

(I) Air pollution control mechanisms.

(II) Water pollution control mechanisms.

(iv) Data-processing and communications equipment, such as computers, computer-automated drafting systems, copy machines, telephone systems, and faxes.

(v) Motion picture manufacturing equipment central to production and post production, such as cameras, audio recorders, and digital image and sound processing equipment.

(B) The total cost of qualified property purchased and placed in service in any taxable year that may be taken into account by any qualified taxpayer for purposes of claiming this credit shall not exceed ~~twenty~~ *fifty* million dollars ~~($20,000,000)~~ *($50,000,000)*.

(C) The qualified property is used by the qualified taxpayer exclusively in a targeted tax area.

(D) The qualified property is purchased and placed in service before the date the targeted tax area designation expires, is revoked, is no longer binding, or becomes inoperative.

(2) (A) "Qualified taxpayer" means a corporation that meets both of the following:

(i) Is engaged in a trade or business within a targeted tax area designated pursuant to Chapter 12.93 (commencing with Section 7097) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(ii) Is engaged in those lines of business described in Codes 2000 to 2099, inclusive; 2200 to 3999, inclusive; 4200 to 4299, inclusive; 4500 to 4599, inclusive; and 4700 to 5199, inclusive, of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 1987 edition.

(B) In the case of any pass-through entity, the determination of whether a taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer under this section shall be made at the entity level and any credit under this section or Section 17053.33 shall be allowed to the pass-through entity and passed through to the partners or shareholders in accordance with applicable provisions of this part or Part 10 (commencing with Section 17001). For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "pass-through entity" means any partnership or ~~S corporation~~ *"S" Corporation*.

(3) "Targeted tax area" means the area designated pursuant to Chapter 12.93 (commencing with Section 7097) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(c) If the qualified taxpayer is allowed a credit for qualified property pursuant to this section, only one credit shall be allowed to the taxpayer under this part with respect to that qualified property.

(d) If the qualified taxpayer has purchased property upon which a use tax has been paid or incurred, the credit provided by this section shall be allowed only if qualified property of a comparable quality and price is not timely available for purchase in this state.

(e) In the case where the credit otherwise allowed under this section exceeds the "tax" for the taxable year, that portion of the credit that exceeds the "tax" may be carried over and added to the credit, if any, in the following year, and succeeding years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted. The credit shall be applied first to the earliest taxable years possible.

(f) Any qualified taxpayer who elects to be subject to this section shall not be entitled to increase the basis of the qualified property as otherwise required by Section 164(a) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to sales or use tax paid or incurred in connection with the qualified taxpayer's purchase of qualified property.

(g) (1) The amount of credit otherwise allowed under this section and Section 23634, including any credit carryover from prior years, that may reduce the "tax" for the taxable year shall not exceed the amount of tax that would be imposed on the qualified taxpayer's business income attributable to the targeted tax area determined as if that attributable income represented all of the income of the qualified taxpayer subject to tax under this part.

(2) Attributable income shall be that portion of the taxpayer's California source business income that is apportioned to the targeted tax area. For that purpose, the taxpayer's business income attributable to sources in this state first shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 25101). That business income shall be further apportioned to the targeted tax area in accordance with Article 2 (commencing with Section 25120) of Chapter 17, modified for purposes of this section in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) Business income shall be apportioned to the targeted tax area by multiplying the total California business income of the taxpayer by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor, and the denominator of which is two. For purposes of this paragraph:

(A) The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used in the targeted tax area during the taxable year and the denominator of which is the average value of all the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used in this state during the taxable year.

(B) The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid by the taxpayer in the targeted tax area during the taxable year for compensation, and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the taxpayer in this state during the taxable year.

(4) The portion of any credit remaining, if any, after application of this subdivision, shall be carried over to succeeding taxable years, as if it were an amount exceeding the "tax" for the taxable year, as provided in subdivision (e).

(5) In the event that a credit carryover is allowable under subdivision (e) for any taxable year after the targeted tax area designation has expired, has been revoked, is no longer binding, or has become inoperative, the targeted tax area shall be deemed to remain in existence for purposes of computing the limitation specified in this subdivision.

(h) The changes made to this section by the act adding this subdivision shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

SEC. 3. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.

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